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Garnishment simplifies verification of employment

Cleveland, Ohio – Manual verification of employment (VOE) by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for state child support agencies became a thing of the past April 1, 2003. Automated systems now provide needed employment information.

Mandated by law, DFAS provides payroll data (wage verification information) for Department of Defense civilian and military members to the Defense Manpower Data Center. The center then provides this data to the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. Once reviewed by the support enforcement office the current data is placed with the Federal Parent Locator Service. The service then can be accessed by all child support agencies for the most current information from DoD for employment verification.

“With the support of the Office of Child Support Enforcement, DFAS can better serve our child support agencies and realize a cost savings as well,” says Rod Winn, assistant General Counsel for Garnishment Operations. He also points out that the old process was a manual effort and very labor intensive. This manual process took time away from the other important function of providing payments under garnishment actions.

DFAS processes all child support orders for DoD military and civilian employees.

About DFAS

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service is the world's largest finance and accounting operation. In fiscal 2002, DFAS paid 5.7 million people, processed more than 11.2 million contractor invoices, made 7.3 million travel payments and disbursed more than \$346.6 billion while reducing overall costs to customers by \$144 million. For more about the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, please visit <http://www.dfas.mil>.

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